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REMARKS

In the Detailed Action of the current Final Office Action, claims 1-4 and 27 are newly rejected using, inter alia, newly cited prior art (e.g., Han et al. (USPN 6,515,415)); claims 7-23 remain allowed; and claim 26 is objected to. In this circumstance, Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the current Office Action be withdrawn.

Applicants have now amended claim 1 and have canceled claims 5-6 and 24-26.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Responsive to the rejections of claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Han et al. (USPN 6,515,415, of record), Applicants have amended claim 1.

The Examiner indicated in Office Action that claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all the subject matter of claim 26 therein, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, should now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 3 and 4 are each directly dependent from now-allowable claim 1, and should now be in condition for allowance.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 2 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. (USPN 6,515,415, of record) in view of Lee et al. (USPN 6,339,281, of record).

Claims 2 and 27 are each directly dependent from now-allowable claim 1 and should now be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 has been canceled without prejudice, the subject matter thereof, instead, having been fully respectively incorporated into claim 1, as set forth above.

Claims 7-23 are already in the condition for allowance, for which consideration the Examiner is still respectfully thanked.

In view of the foregoing, the present invention as claimed in the pending claims is considered to be in a condition for allowance, and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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